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Empire Model Practice: Alexander the Great

**Directions**: 1. Read and annotate the passage to determine which stage of empire is being discussed

2. Record your conclusion, evidence and analysis

3. Complete the vocabulary portion

**DOCUMENT A** - The Macedonian Soldiers Refuse to Go Onby Quintus Curtius (describes the fears of the Macedonian troops as they reach India)  
  
“But when the Macedonians, who believed that they had already encountered every danger, knew that a fresh war with the most warlike nations of India still remained, they were struck with sudden fear and began again to upbraid the King (Alexander) with mutinous language; that after being compelled to cross the Ganges and the regions beyond it, they had nevertheless not ended but only shifted the war. They were exposed to unconquered nations in order that at the cost of their blood they might open a way for him to the ocean. They refused, Alexander submitted, the empire convulsed.”

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**DOCUMENT B** - The Macedonian Army Before the Battle of Gaugamelaby Quintus Curtius  
    “Possibly, Lord, you may not be pleased with my telling you the truth; but if I don’t do it now it will be too late afterwards. Gold and purple glitter in every part of your army, which is so very splined that those who have not seen it could have no idea of it’s magnificence. But the soldiers who make up the Macedonian army, terrible to see and bristling with arms, do not amuse themselves with such idle show. Their only care is to form their battalions in a regular manner and cover themselves closely with their bucklers(shields) and pikes (long spears). Their phalanx is a body of infantry which fights without flinching and keeps so close in it’s that the soldiers and their arms form an impenetrable wall. In a word, every single man among them is so well trained that, at the least signal, they can make every motion of the art of war.”

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**DOCUMENT C** – excerpt from Alexanderby Plutarch  
    “For when he was master of Egypt, designing to settle a colony of Grecians there, he resolved to build a large and populous city, and give it his own name. In order to which, after he had measured and staked out the ground with the advice of the best architects, he chanced one night in his sleep to see a wonderful vision; a grey-headed old man, of a venerable aspect, appeared to stand by him, and pronounce these verses:

"An island lies, where loud the billows roar,   
Pharos they call it, on the Egyptian shore."

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VOCABULARY (Pick three words and write a sentence or two each that define or use the word in the correct context.

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